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Docket No. 45455/250498

Toshihisa INOUE et al.

Serial No. 09/701,962

Filed: March 5, 2001

For: Ion Activity-Measuring Device and Method for Producing the Same

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Transmitted herewith is a paper in the above-identified application.

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SECOND RESPONSE

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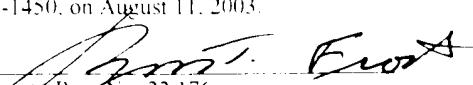
Responsive to the Office action dated May 9, 2003 in the patent application identified above, please reconsider that application in view of the following remarks.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Quash for the telephone interview conducted on July 11, 2003. During that interview, the undersigned pointed out that *Conover* (4,713,165) fails to teach a device as claimed, including a hydrophobic bridge having hydrophilic portions contacting the liquid reservoirs of the device. The Examiner said he would further review *Conover* in view of that argument, and requested the undersigned to present that position in a formal response to the last Office action. No agreement was reached during this interview.

The following remarks further present and elaborate on the applicants' position taken during the telephone interview.

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